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LETTER DATED 31 MAY 1996 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SUDAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

You may recall that in the course of the deliberations of the Security Council on resolution 1054 (1996) at its 3660th meeting, on 26 April 1996, some members raised the issue of the presence in the Sudan of some elements suspected of terrorist activities. You may also recall that the Sudan has unequivocally expressed its full condemnation of terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, and that it does not condone any terrorist activities under any pretext or justification.

In affirming this position by the Sudan and in full compliance with Security Council resolutions 1044 (1996) and 1054 (1996), as well as the statements of the central organ of the Organization of African Unity in this regard, the Sudan will endeavour to take the necessary steps to ensure that no such activities are tolerated in the Sudan's territories.

Although the Saudi national Usama Bin Ladin was permitted entry into the Sudan as a foreign investor in order to invest his money in accordance with the Sudanese Investment Laws of 1991, after reviewing his case and the doubts raised by certain countries concerning his links with certain groups, the Government of the Sudan took immediate steps to request his departure from the Sudan. I hereby confirm that he is no longer in the Sudan.

May I request that this letter be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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